THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Ten, Sir.

(b) Six, Sir; they are

(1) St. Mary's Upper Primary School, Colachel.

(2) L. M. Upper Primary School, Marthandam.

(3) Mission Upper Promary School, James Town.

(4) V. V. High School for Girls, Iranipuram.

(5) Government Upper Primary School, Thovala.

(6) Government Upper Primary School, Kummarapuramthope.

(c) The existence of adequate number of High Schools in the area and the inability of the sponsors to create an endowment as required by the rules were the reasons for the refusal of permission.

Pig-iron (shortage)

* 1127 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the steps taken to overcome the shortage of pig-iron?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government of India in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel and in the Ministry of Railways were addressed to expedite supplies of pig-iron to this State and to make arrangements to provide adequate wagons to transport stock to the South Certain quantities of pig-iron have since been received and the supply position of pig-iron in the Madras State has eased now.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know the industries which are adversely affected by the shortage of pig-iron?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Generally, the casting industries are affected.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the shortage is due to the transport bottleneck or whether the shortage is at the production end itself?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I should think that it is due to the transport bottleneck. Particularly, in October–November, there were serious floods and breaches on the North–East line and supplies became very scarce during that period.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : ரெயில்வே வாகன்கள் வசதிக் குறைவாக இருக்குமானால், கடல் மார்க்கமாகக் கொண்டுவர முயற்சிசெய்யப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அதற்குச் செலவு அதிகமாகும்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know when the supply position will improve in our State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It has improved and that is what I said just now.